

MEMORANDUM

American Legation  
Bern, Switzerland  
29 August 1947

TO: Mr. T. J. Madraba

FROM: Mr. James S. Kronthal

1. The attached memoranda, which were turned over to me by the Office of the Military Attaché, are for the most part self-explanatory. After you have read them I would appreciate your giving me a call as I would like to discuss this matter with you.

2. I saw Dr. BALSIGER the other day on this subject. He informed me that a case against a group of Swiss and Germans including RIEDWEG, who will be tried in absentia, is coming up for trial late in September, probably at Zürich. Any available evidence is in the hands of the Federal prosecutors who are preparing the case, and Dr. BALSIGER says that he would not be able to obtain it at this time. He suggested that the War Crimes Commission send an observer to Switzerland to attend the forthcoming trial. He is endeavoring, however, to obtain a transcript of the testimony of Freiherr von KLINBURG at Zug, as requested in Mr. PETERSEN's memorandum of 14 August.

3. It occurs to me that this matter might be handled through other channels, possibly the Department of Justice, which is the reason I would like to discuss the subject with you. It is also interesting to note that shortly before receiving Mr. PETERSEN's memorandum, the Bundespolizei asked whether we could obtain from the International Tribunal in Nurnberg photostats on the documentation of the "Germanische Leitstelle" and Dr. RIEDWEG. We forwarded this request

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through our offices in Germany, but have not yet had a reply. I can well understand that the War Crimes Commission might not wish to turn over their documentation to the Swiss unless the Swiss come forth with the evidence available to them.

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Attachments (3)

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